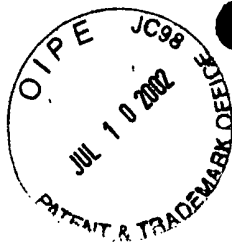


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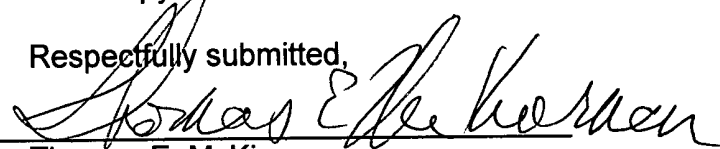
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2002 for three months from April 10, 2002 to July 10, 2002. Enclosed is a check for \$830.00 to cover the \$460.00 cost of the extension as well as the \$370.00 cost of the Request for Continued Examination.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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